

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JULY 16, 2009

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Constitutional Amendment

No. 21

Introduced by Assembly Member Charles Calderon

April 1, 2009

Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 21—A resolution to propose to the people of the State of California an amendment to the Constitution of the State by amending Section 1 of Article XVIII thereof, relating to constitutional amendments.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACA 21, as amended, Charles Calderon. Initiatives: constitutional amendments.

The California Constitution gives voters, through the initiative, the power to propose constitutional amendments and to adopt or reject them. The Legislature may propose for voter approval an amendment or revision to the Constitution by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house.

This measure, *alternatively*, would authorize the Legislature, by a bill passed by a majority of the membership of each house and enacted into law, to propose for voter approval an amendment to a provision of the Constitution that was added or amended through the initiative process *on or after the effective date of this measure*.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

- 1 *Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That the
- 2 Legislature of the State of California at its 2009–10 Regular

1 Session commencing on the first day of December 2008, two-thirds
2 of the membership of each house concurring, hereby proposes to
3 the people of the State of California that the Constitution of the
4 State be amended as follows:

5 That Section 1 of Article XVIII thereof is amended to read:

6 SECTION. 1. (a) ~~Except as provided in subdivision (b), the~~
7 *The* Legislature by rollcall vote entered in the journal, two-thirds
8 of the membership of each house concurring, may propose an
9 amendment or revision of the Constitution and in the same manner
10 may amend or withdraw its proposal. Each amendment shall be
11 so prepared and submitted that it can be voted on separately.

12 (b) ~~The~~ *As an alternative to the procedure specified in*
13 *subdivision (a), the* Legislature, by a bill passed by a majority of
14 the membership of each house and enacted into law pursuant to
15 Article IV, may propose an amendment to any provision of the
16 Constitution that was added or amended pursuant to Section 3 *on*
17 *or after the effective date of the measure that added this*
18 *subdivision*, and in the same manner may amend or withdraw its
19 proposal.